

LAMAR UNIVERSITY 2009 ALL STATE CHOIR CAMP

Frequently Asked Questions

Q – Why should I choose Lamar University for my All State Choir Camp experience?

A – *** Because we consider YOU the focus of our Camp.**

*** Because we concentrate on learning.**

*** Because our teachers are recognized throughout the State.**

*** Because we cover the entire All-State packet.**

*** Because our camp is 5 days long.**

*** Because we have not increased the cost since 2003 (yes, we changed from \$100.00 to \$110.00 for the tuition portion, but we now include a T-shirt in the price)**

*** Because hundreds of students and many teachers are recommending us!**

More Q & A:

Q – What are the dates for the Camp?

A – **Monday, July 20 through Friday, July 24.**

Q – The camp starts on Monday, July 20 in the morning but I can not arrive until the afternoon (or even the next day). Is that OK?

A – **Yes. You need to let us know in advance so we can be prepared to receive you.**

Q – I have church activities during the week (or a doctor's appointment, etc). Can my parents pick me up and bring me back to the camp? Am I allowed to leave the camp if I am old enough to drive?

A – **Your parents can pick you up and drop you off at any time. We need to have the information (date and time) in writing beforehand, and one of our counselors or the camp manager has to be present when you leave and when you come back. You will be allowed to drive only with your parents' written authorization.**

Q – I have a family commitment and I would need to leave the camp early (Friday morning, Thursday during the day, etc), is that possible?

A – **Yes. Again, you need to let us know so we can be prepared. In any case, you should know that there is no discount in the camp cost for early departure.**

Q – The camp starts on Monday, July 20 in the morning, but I have problems securing transportation on that day. Can I arrive on Sunday evening?

A – **Yes! You will be able to check-in on Sunday, July 19 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The extra cost for the night is \$ 30.00 (Sunday dinner and Monday breakfast are not included in this price). The camp manager and several counselors will spend the night at the dorms and will assist early comers.**

Q – What is the cost of the camp?

A – **Campers can register as “Day-Campers” or “Residential-Campers.” A day-camper pays only the tuition (\$110.00). A residential-camper pays tuition, room, and board (\$260.00). Please realize that if you register as a “day-camper” you will**

have to take care of all your meals. There will be a \$20.00 late fee to all registrations post-marked on or after July 6, 2008. On-site registration is available, but there are no dorm rooms available if we have not received your registration and payment by July 6.

Q – What options do I have for meals if I register as a day-camper?

A – You may bring a packed lunch AND a packed dinner from home, or you may choose to purchase your meals at the excellent Lamar University Dining Hall (which opened 4 years ago). There is a “Subway” on campus. It is located across the street from the Plummer Building. The nearby *Kampus Korner* (salads, sandwiches, burgers, sodas, etc.) will also be open. Finally, *Mirabeau’s* will be open for lunch. It offers burgers, sandwiches, sodas, etc. It is located inside the Setzer Center (where the full rehearsals take place).

Q – Do I have to bring bed-sheets if I register as a residential-camper?

A – Yes. Open the “what-to-bring” link on the choir camp web-page for a complete list.

Q – Do you offer scholarships?

A – Yes, however, we have very limited funds. Scholarships are designed for students with REAL financial needs (low income). Please do not apply IF YOU CAN PAY for the camp. Full or partial scholarships are awarded ONLY for the tuition portion of the camp cost (\$ 110.00 maximum) depending on number of applicants. Deadline for applications is June 16. You can find the application form on the choir camp web-page.

Q – Do All-Staters get any discount?

A – Yes! All-Staters get a tuition waiver, that is, a \$110.00 discount!!!

Q – What is the camp schedule?

A – Lamar University Choir Camp is truly exceptional!! We have a very busy schedule: Classes start every day at 9:00 a.m. (except on Monday, starting at 10:00 a.m.) and we finish at 8:30 p.m. (except Friday, finishing at 5:00 p.m.). Not all of that is singing: There are sectional and full rehearsals, sight-reading classes, diction classes, voice classes, lectures, etc. On Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. there is a voice recital, and at 7:00 p.m. we have a pool party. Other recreational activities include an ice-cream social on Monday night, movie night on Tuesday, game night on Wednesday, and Talent Show on Thursday (these activities start at either 8:00 p.m. or 8:30 pm.)

Q – Can anybody participate in the Talent Show?

A – Yes. Applicants must audition during the “Talent Show Screening” on Monday night. Come prepared! The Talent Show is not competitive. Please know that there will be a selection, that is, not everybody who auditions will sing in the performance.

Q – Who stays in the dorms with the campers?

A – Ms. Debbie Kea Prihoda, Kelly High School, will be the Camp Manager and will stay at the dorms with all the campers. She will coordinate a group of counselors (one per ten campers), all excellent college students.

Q – What are the dorm-rooms like?

A – Cardinal Village was finished just 5 years ago (there is a link with pictures on our website). The dorms are excellent! In fact, they are two-bedroom apartments. This means that every camper shares the apartment (which has a private bathroom) with only ONE other camper. We will try to accommodate roommate requests, but we cannot guarantee that all will be honored.

Q – Is the Lamar University Campus safe?

A – Yes! And it is *very important* to us that it remains this way. Campus security is available 24/7. In addition, any student can request Campus Patrol Escorts at any time. Managers, counselors, and section leaders do. This means that no student can get in the dorms without an adult: this policy will be strictly enforced.

Q – Who are the teachers?

A – A group of very talented and highly experienced music professionals. They are:

- **Beth Casey, Soprano I Section Leader – Angleton High School**
- **Heather Orr, Soprano II Section Leader – Montgomery High School**
- **Denise Eaton, Combined Rehearsal Leader – Spring High School**
- **Keith Dixon, Tenor Section Leader – Kingwood High School**
- **Joe Weir, Bass Section Leader – Atascocita High School**
- **Renee Kloes, Alto Section Leader, Nederland High School**
- **Carl Braden, Accompanist, Atascocita High School**
- **Melinda Stanton, Accompanist, Lumberton High School**
- **Terry Woodall, Accompanist, Nederland High School**
- **Dwight Peirce, Accompanist, Lamar University**
- **Debbie Prihoda, Camp Manager, Kelly High School**
- **Dr. Nick Rissman, Theory / Composition, Lamar University**
- **Debra Greschner, Voice, Lamar University**
- **Angela Pickering, Voice, Lamar University**
- **Noël Turner, Voice, Lamar University**

Q – Do you have a concert at the end of the week?

A – No, we concentrate on learning the audition material. However, we cover ALL the repertoire-packet, something most choir camps do not do. Parents are invited to the last run-through rehearsal on Friday, July 24 at 3:30 p.m.

If you have any more questions, please call 409.880.8078 or 409.880.8144 or email debra.greschner@lamar.edu

THANK YOU!